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**MAIESTIES SPEECH**  
 to the Lords and Commons of  
 Parliament assembled at Oxford, &c.

My Lords and Gentlemen,



*Am now brought to  
 you by your selves,  
 for I should not so  
 soone have parted  
 with you, if you had  
 not desired it, and I  
 believe that the same zeale and affection  
 to Me and your Country, which hath  
 brought and staid you here, hath caused*



you to seek this Recesse, that so by distributing your selves into your severall Countryes, We may all the better reap the fruits of Our consultations, wherefore in Gods name dispose of your selves as you think fit. I heartily thank you for what you have done, and fully approve of what you desire.

I think most ( if not all ) of you are engaged in my service, either in a Civile or a Martiall way; To you that have charge in my Armyes, I recommend the diligent attendance on your Commands, that so by your good example and discipline, you suppress that licence and disorder, which will discredit, and may destroy the best cause.

And to you who are engaged in the Civile affaires, I must recommend these few particulars; That you expedite those supplies

Supplies of Moneys, which by your advice I have sent for, whether by subscription, or Excise, remembering that Admonitions are the Nerves of Warre.

Likewise that you use your best diligence for the Pressing of Men, and encouragement of Voluntiers, by shewing them, that now the only way to preserve themselves from slavery, and their Country from Ruine, is freely to engage their persons.

But cheifly, and with all possible care to informe all my Subjects of the barbaritie, and odiousnes of this Rebellion, how sollicitous I have bin for Peace, and how insolently, and scornfully rejected, assuring them that my Armes are raised, and kept only for the defence of their Religion, Lawes, and Liberties, which being once secured, and vindicated, I shall most

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cheerfully lay them down, I having (God knows) with much unwillingnes taken them up.

Lastly, assure them that these extraordinary wayes which necessities hath produced (and most of them not without your consent or advice) for my supply shall not hereafter be brought in example to their prejudice, and I shall in the meane time do my best to prevent, and punish all exorbitances and disorders.

To conclude (My Lords and Gentlemen) I do now againe (yet never enough) thank you for your great, and unanimous expressions of your affections to me, which hath laid an unexpressable Obligation upon me, and be assured that there is no profession which I have made for the defence, and maintenance of our Religion, Lawes, and Liberties, which I  
will



will not inviolably observe.

Now God who hath blessed this meeting with an un-expected unanimitie, ( which I esteeme as one not of his least blessings ) will I hope bring us all safe together againe the eight day of October next, in the meane time I shall be ready to receive any thing from your Committees that shall be desired.

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